

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1, 7 and 9 are amended as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A rolling-lobe air spring comprising:

a cover;

a roll-off piston;

5 a rolling-lobe flexible member having a first end portion connected to said cover and a second end portion connected to said roll-off piston; and,

a support bell ~~supporting said rolling-lobe flexible member at said first end portion and being~~ rigidly connected to said cover ~~cover~~;

10 said support bell having a peripherally extending surface for laterally supporting said rolling-lobe flexible member at said first end portion thereof;

a clamp ring for connecting said first end portion to said support bell; and,

15 said claim ring being disposed on said support bell so that only said clamp ring and said support bell conjointly act to cause said first end portion of said rolling-lobe flexible member to always lie flat against said surface and be laterally supported thereby for each deflection of said air spring during

20 operation thereof.

2. (Previously Presented) The rolling-lobe air spring of claim 1, wherein said cover and said support bell are configured as a single integral structure.

3. (Withdrawn) The rolling-lobe air spring of claim 1, said rolling-lobe flexible member having a maximum diameter; and, said support bell being disposed within said rolling-lobe flexible member and extending from said first end portion over the upper
5 region of said rolling-lobe flexible member up to approximately said maximum diameter.

4. (Withdrawn) The rolling-lobe air spring of claim 3, said support bell having a throat region adjacent said cover; said first end portion including an end segment at said throat region; and, a clamp ring applied to said throat region from outside to
5 fixedly attach said rolling-lobe flexible member at said end segment thereof to said support bell.

5. (Withdrawn) The rolling-lobe air spring of claim 4, wherein said cover is attached via a joint to a vehicle body and said roll-off piston is attached to a wheel connecting rod.

6. (Withdrawn) The rolling-lobe air spring of claim 4, wherein said cover is attached to a wheel connecting rod and said roll-off piston is attached via a joint to a vehicle body.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The rolling-lobe air spring of claim 1,~~
wherein A rolling-lobe air spring comprising:

a cover;

a roll-off piston;

5 a rolling-lobe flexible member having a first end portion
connected to said cover and a second end portion connected to
said roll-off piston;

a support bell supporting said rolling-lobe flexible member
at said first end portion and being rigidly connected to said
10 cover; and,

said support bell has an open end facing away from said
cover and toward said roll-off piston and said support bell
further having a cylindrical cross section adjacent said cover
and said support bell being configured to expand elliptically in
15 cross section toward said open end thereof in the manner of an
oval-shaped funnel.

8. (Previously Presented) The rolling-lobe air spring of
claim 1, said rolling-lobe flexible member having a maximum
diameter; and, said support bell being disposed outside of said
rolling-lobe flexible member and extending from said first end
5 portion over the upper region of said rolling-lobe flexible
member up to approximately said maximum diameter.

9. (Currently Amended) ~~The rolling-lobe air spring of claim 8,~~
A rolling-lobe air spring comprising:

a cover;

a roll-off piston;

5 a rolling-lobe flexible member having a first end portion
connected to said cover and a second end portion connected to
said roll-off piston;

a support bell supporting said rolling-lobe flexible member
at said first end portion and being rigidly connected to said
10 cover;

said rolling-lobe flexible member having a maximum diameter;
and, said support bell being disposed outside of said
rolling-lobe flexible member and extending from said first end
portion over the upper region of said rolling-lobe flexible
15 member up to approximately said maximum diameter;

 said support bell having a throat region adjacent said
cover; said first end portion of said rolling-lobe flexible
member including an end segment at said throat region; a support
ring being disposed inside of said rolling-lobe flexible member
20 at the elevation of said throat region; and,

 said throat region being pressed against said end segment
and said support ring to securely fasten said rolling-lobe
flexible member at said first end portion thereof.

10. (Previously Presented) The rolling-lobe air spring of claim
9, wherein said cover is attached via a joint to a vehicle body
and said roll-off piston is attached to a wheel connecting rod.

11. (Previously Presented) The rolling-lobe air spring of
claim 9, wherein said cover is attached to a wheel connecting rod
and said roll-off piston is attached via a joint to a vehicle
body.